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Annual Session Plans Start to Unfold

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CONSTITUENTS RESCIND DENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS

Executive councils of two constituent societies—Illinois and Missouri—have voted to rescind existing dental laboratory accreditation programs. Their action stemmed from information which the U.S. Department of Justice communicated to Association representatives during a recent series of conferences. The department's antitrust division has advised it will not initiate criminal proceedings against the Association or any of its constituents provided their accreditation activities conform to the recently approved revision of accreditation standards. Sec. Harold Hillenbrand has urged constituents to act immediately to eliminate from dental laboratory accreditation programs features which the Justice Department found objectionable. Meanwhile, the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations is consulting with other constituents regarding their plans in this area.

ADA to Testify on NIDR Appropriations

The Association will present its recommendations on 1961 appropriations for National Institute of Dental Research Thursday, March 3, before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education and Welfare. Testifying for ADA will be Dr. Raymond J. Nagle, dean of New York University College of Dentistry, and Dr. Alfred E. Smith, New Orleans, member of Council on Legislation.

Board Group Sets Recommendations

Recommendations of the Board of Trustees' Special Committee on Staff Reorganization for 1959-60 will be presented to the Board at its March 24-26 meeting. Members of the committee, which met recently at central headquarters, are Drs. Paul H. Jeserich, chairman; John R. Abel, Arthur W. Easton, Charles H. Patton, Fritz A. Pierson and Harold Hillenbrand.

'DENTURIST' INITIATIVE FILED IN WASHINGTON

An initiative has been filed in the state of Washington which seeks to place a "public denturist" proposal before the general electorate on the November ballot. This marks first time the initiative technique has been employed by the "denturists." The "denturist" petition must have more than 90,000 signatures by July 8 in order to appear on the ballot. Washington State Dental Association has expressed confidence the public will not support the "denturist" effort. The profession there has launched a campaign to bring to the public the story of the initiative and its public health implications.

DR. SOGNAES NAMED DEAN OF UCLA'S NEW DENTAL SCHOOL

Dr. Reidar F. Sognaes, 48-year-old associate dean of Harvard School of Dental Medicine, has been appointed dean of UCLA's new School of Dentistry. Dr. Sognaes, who also will have the title of professor of oral biology, is expected to assume his new duties on or before July 1. The new UCLA School of Dentistry was authorized about a year ago. Appointment of Dr. Sognaes is first step toward its establishment. He will start to assemble a staff and plan classrooms and laboratories in the present UCLA Medical Center. It is expected that a new wing will be constructed to house the dental school. Born in Bergen, Norway, Dr. Sognaes studied dentistry at University of Leipzig and Norway Dental School, Oslo, graduating summa cum laude in 1936. The new dean first came to the U.S. in 1938 to study at the Forsyth Dental Infirmary for Children, Boston. The following year he went to the University of Rochester as a Carnegie Research Fellow, receiving a Ph.D. in 1941. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1951 and was appointed associate dean at Harvard in 1952. Dr. Sognaes also has had the title of Charles A. Brackett professor of oral pathology. He currently is directing a three-year program for postdoctoral education combining patient care, research and teaching.

No Pay Raise for British Family Dentists

A three-year study of dentists' and physicians' pay in Great Britain has resulted in a recommendation that family dentists receive no raise. Report of the "Royal Commission on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration" said the dentists earn "more than intended" under the National Health Plan. Meanwhile, the commission recommended for family physicians a big pay raise plus a share in back pay. British Dental Association expressed disappointment that dentists alone should get no pay increase. The association further said the figures on which the commission based its report were new and would require "most careful study." In its report, the commission said that because of the shortage in numbers, dentists worked longer hours than had been estimated and earned more than physicians "in sharp contrast to the position in all other countries of which we have knowledge."

Dr. Teich Named to Judicial Council

Dr. Isidore Teich, New York, has been appointed by Pres. Paul H. Jeserich as a member of the Judicial Council to succeed Dr. Maxwell A. Heckler, who died recently. The appointment is for the ad interim term ending with the 1960 annual session, when the House of Delegates will elect a person for a new three-year term.

Judges Appointed for National Science Fair

Four members have been designated by Pres. Paul H. Jeserich to judge dental science exhibits at the 11th National Science Fair May 11-14 in Indianapolis. They are Dr. Maynard K. Hine, trustee and dean of Indiana University School of Dentistry; Dr. Seymour J. Kreshover, Bethesda, Md., associate director of National Institute of Dental Research; Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, Washington, D.C., senior research associate at ADA's Research Division at National Bureau of Standards, and Dr. W. Wayne White, Kansas City, Mo., general practitioner. The Association will make four awards, the first two providing winners with expenses-paid trips to the 1960 annual session. Third and fourth prizes of \$50 each are for purchase of scientific equipment and books. Names of winners will be announced at a Health Awards Banquet which the Association will sponsor with American Medical Association, American Pharmaceutical Association and American Veterinary Medical Association.

Western Reserve Dean Reappointed

Dr. Paul E. Boyle, dean of Western Reserve University School of Dentistry, Cleveland, has been reappointed to a full three-year term as a member of the surgeon general's Advisory Committee on the U.S. National Health Survey.

Firm to Sponsor Student Clinic Program Again

Outstanding dental students from all over the country will have an opportunity for the second straight year to participate in the scientific program at an annual session. Dentists' Supply Company of New York, York, Pa., has agreed to sponsor the 1960 Student Clinic Program, thus continuing its support of the program first presented at the centennial session. Student table clinics will be presented at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, opening day of the 1960 session, in the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

Each of the nation's dental schools is being invited to select an outstanding student clinician who will be sent to Los Angeles with expenses paid. The students will be guests at a luncheon also being attended by representatives of the Councils on Scientific Session, Membership and Dental Education. In addition, the students will be invited to a reception for participants in the scientific program. As a highlight of the reception, cash awards will be presented to the three students judged to have presented the best table clinics. Information on the 1960 Student Clinic Program can be secured from the Council on Scientific Session, ADA, 222 E. Superior Street, Chicago 11.

Dental Assisting Project Started

An educational research project aimed at assisting in development of standard training programs for dental assistants has been initiated by the Division of Dental Resources, Public Health Service, in cooperation with two junior colleges and a technical high school. Purpose of the project is to determine through experimentation in actual teaching situations the curriculum and length of schooling best suited to training dental assistants. Contents of the few training courses now available in dental assisting vary widely. Findings from the project will be made available to help the Council on Dental Education in its current efforts to prepare educational standards for dental assisting programs.

Program at Annual Session for Technicians

A special half-day program for dental laboratory technicians will be included in the scientific program at the 1960 annual session Oct. 17-20 in Los Angeles. This will be the first time such a program has been presented, and Dr. David J. Fitzgibbon, Washington, D.C., chairman of the Council on Scientific Session, said it is further expression of the Association's interest in the education of auxiliary personnel. The program will open at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Los Angeles Sports Arena with remarks by the moderator, Dr. J. Eugene Ziegler, Los Angeles, chairman of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations. Pres. Paul H. Jeserich will welcome participants to the program, with a response to be made by Ugo Garganese, president of National Association of Dental Laboratories. The program itself will consist of three talks on laboratory phases of denture construction to be followed by a panel discussion.

Support the ADA Relief Fund

AMA Group to Study Medical Care Costs

A Commission on the Cost of Medical Care, which is to "delve into every phase of medicine where cost or spending is involved," has been announced by American Medical Association. An initial grant of \$100,000 was appropriated to launch the project. The commission will study such medical costs as physicians' fees, hospital charges, nursing costs, drug expenditures and health insurance premiums. An AMA spokesman said it is hoped the study will provide sound advice for the consumer on how to get greatest benefit from his health dollar. In conducting the study, the commission will consult economists, health insurers, prepayment planners, hospital representatives, a cross section of patients and others whose knowledge and opinions are expected to help. Members of the group will be named shortly, and it is expected to start functioning by spring.

Relief Fund Contributions Near \$107,000

Contributions to the 1959-60 Relief Fund campaign as of Feb. 15 stood at \$106,933, or more than \$14,000 ahead of the comparable figure for last year. The total represented 106.9 per cent of the \$100,000 goal. This year's drive had attracted 23,272 contributors compared with 21,785 a year ago. While the over-all quota for the 1959-60 campaign had been attained, 15 constituent societies and 4 federal dental services still were short of their individual quotas. Constituents in this category included District of Columbia, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Panama, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin. Federal services which had not reached their quotas were Air Force, Army, Navy and Veterans' Administration.

ADA Seeks Amendments in FEHBA

The Association has recommended amendment of the proposed regulations governing the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Act (FEHBA) to assure that dental benefits will not be excluded arbitrarily from the program. In a letter to the Civil Service Commission's Bureau of Retirement and Insurance, Dr. Floyd W. Pillars, Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the Council on Legislation, urged that regulations be revised so that "carriers will be required to pay claims for covered procedures which legally may be and are performed by licensed dentists." Dr. Pillars said a review of the legislative history of FEHBA indicates that Congress intended some dental benefits to be included.

Films Available from ADA Bureau

Two new 16 millimeter films are now available on free-loan for showing at meetings of dental societies and community organizations. The films are "Centennial Session," which depicts the Association's recent anniversary meeting in New York, and "Pattern of a Profession," which portrays dentistry as a profession. The films may be secured from the Bureau of Audiovisual Service, ADA, 222 E. Superior Street, Chicago 11.

Film on H.R. 10 Available to Societies

A new film supporting H.R. 10 and companion bills may be obtained for showing without charge from the American Thrift Assembly, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington 6, D.C. The Assembly is spearheading the drive to gain passage of the bills, which would permit income tax deductions of limited amounts to be set aside for retirement purposes by self-employed persons. The Association is a member of the Assembly. The film, which is part of a series, is expected to be of particular interest to dentists in the New England states, because it features Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn) and Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass).

Michigan Senate OKs Work Authorizations

The Michigan Senate has approved amendments of the state's dental practice act sponsored by Michigan State Dental Association. One amendment would require the use of written work authorizations. A wire service news item which implied the bill had been defeated was inaccurate.

Testimonial Dinner for Dr. Jeserich

A testimonial dinner for Pres. Paul H. Jeserich will be held Tuesday evening, March 1, at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Detroit. Dr. Murray A. Leitch, Detroit, president of Michigan State Dental Association, will preside, and Dr. Gerald D. Timmons, Philadelphia, speaker of the House of Delegates, will be toastmaster.

Members Urged to Back Youth Fitness Week

Pres. Paul H. Jeserich has urged members to cooperate in furthering National Youth Fitness Week which begins May 1. The Association is one of the agencies asked to participate in the observance. Dr. Jeserich said the Week offers dental societies an opportunity to work with civic groups interested in the problems of total health. He suggested that fluoridation of community water supplies is a specific project that might be promoted in connection with the observance.